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USIB-D-41, 14/15
(COMOR-D-24/50)
5 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Requirements for Low-Level Reconnaissance of Cuba

REFERENCE: Requirements for Low-Level
Reconnaissance of Cuba
(USIB-D-41, 14/13)

1. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance has reviewed those requirements for low-level reconnaissance of Cuba as set forth in USIB-D-41, 14/13, 21 February 1963. It considers that the unidentified installations and encampments listed there are in proper order of priority within the 2 categories and it reaffirms the recommendations in paragraph 8, taking into account that the ship situation has changed; 2 passenger ships have departed and 2 are in-bound.*

2. Also COMOR has taken into consideration the present lack of information about the removal of Soviet troops from Cuba and considers, therefore, that at this time there is an immediate need to make low-level flights over the 5 known Soviet military camps. Because of this need for information on the movement of Soviet personnel, these 5 camps should rank ahead of the unidentified installations for low-level coverage.

3. Recommendation: COMOR recommends immediate low-level coverage of Artemisa, Remedios, Torrens, Holguin, and Santiago de las Vegas.

*The CIA notes that at present, after detailed review, it can justify only 4 of the unidentified installations (El Horno, Mayari Arriba, Santiago de Cuba and the Holguin cave at 20°53'50N - 76°17'11W) of the 18 approved by the USIB in Tab A to reference, for low-level.



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